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CREDIT TO ALL MALAYSIANS FOR SUCCESSFUL ORGANISATION OF NAM SUMMIT

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 26 (Bernama) -- Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar today thanked all Malaysians for the success of the 13th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit which ended here yesterday.

He said credit should be given to everyone involved, including the security, services and hospitality staff and media personnel, for their cooperation and team work in organising such a big event.

Acknowledging the tremendous role played by the media for the wide coverage of the six-day summit, he said the government was satisfied with the success of the triennial summit.

"I think there is no other reward than satisfaction...other people (foreigners) have been expressing satisfaction and gratitude for the organisation of the summit not only at the media centre here (the Putra World Trade Centre, which is also the summit venue) but also at the hotels.

"I would like to thank you all (the media), our heartfelt gratitude to everybody for the success of the summit," he told a media conference after a meeting with Peruvian Foreign Minister Allan Wagner Tizon, here.

He said the government would hold a dinner for all those involved in the summit tomorrow night with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as the guest of honour.

He said that although it cost a lot of money to organise such a big event, there were also many spin-offs.

The foreign leaders and delegates attending the summit were full of praise for Malaysia for hosting the gargantuan gathering of 116 countries, the biggest international conference that the country has organised so far.

The summit, the biggest political forum outside the United Nations, which has 191 members, brought together nearly 3,000 delegates and 2,000 media personnel from the NAM countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

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